

# RANDOLPH COUNTY

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## PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. At-risk youth will have greater opportunities for success
2. At-risk youth will have greater opportunities to receive needed services
3. Adjudicate youth have greater opportunity to receive rehabilitation and treatment to re-enter society

# Issues

*Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.*

## **Health - Children's (0 - 19)**

physical and mental well-being in the county.

### **Births to unmarried teens**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaboration between Health Department and DHR
- collaboration between Health Department and schools
- family Planning classes, exams, and birth control

### **Adequate health insurance**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaboration between Health Department and DHR
- collaboration between Health Department and Medicaid Representative

## **Safety - Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.**

### **Children living free from crime and drugs**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaborate with agencies offering Drug and Alcohol abuse programs
- collaborate with Advocacy Center, Safe House organizations, and DA office

### **Children living free from abuse and neglect**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaborate with Advocacy Center and other agencies
- provide more forensic investigators
- provide more Safe House bed spaces for battered women and victimized children

## **Education - Children**

learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

### **Children learning skills needed to become successful and productive citizens**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- implement tutoring programs after school
- implement peer support groups/peer/adult mentors
- schools collaborate with private providers (i.e. church based or secular organizations)

### **No Child Left Behind**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- more GED programs available
- lower dropout rate once students turn 16
- more teachers' aides for one-on-one work

## **Early Care and**

**Education** - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

**Children (0-5) provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically and cognitively in order to succeed**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- provide services through collaborating agencies for children to receive necessary and proper care on all levels

**All children be afforded proper physical and mental health care necessary to succeed**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- provide more Mental Health services/facilities
- have more legislation to provide such facilities
- collaborate between Mental Health and Education, DHR and Health Department to provide combined services

## **Economic Security**

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

**All children in Alabama have access and availability of Employment/training to become productive citizens in society**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaborate with employment services, extension services, and vocational school to help provide opportunity for training & employment
- work to provide job training for At-Risk children
- coordinate GED classes among agencies & schools

**All children in Alabama have availability to Educational & Vocational skills**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- greater emphasis on high school graduation
- offering more GED classes
- vocational Training

## **Parent Involvement and Skills**

- Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

**Children growing up in a financially stable home where their basic needs can be met**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- collaborate with agencies providing programs necessary for job training, life skills.
- develop partnerships with industry and private sector for placement
- implement food banks, services through churches

**Children having basic needs met with AFDC/TANF**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- enroll children in entitlement programs to provide services and relief
- collaborate with county/state agencies providing these services for children

## Policy Recommendation

1. Available funding to establish an Alternative School and programs for At-Risk youth with discipline problems or Court referrals. Need to simplify process to make funding available to local county agencies.
2. Rural Transportation for after school programs (Mentoring, Vocational skills, Counseling). Provide funding to private contractors, faith-based organizations for anger management, drug addiction programs.
3. Increase funds available for detention/shelter bed spaces for evaluations and treatment of adjudicated youth or pre-hearing motions & more grants available for Family Resource Centers in rural counties.
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